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<i>President:</i>	Mr. Shalgham . . . . .	(Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)
<i>Members:</i>	Austria . . . . .	Mr. Mayr-Harting
	Burkina Faso . . . . .	Mr. Kafando
	China . . . . .	Mr. Liu Zhenmin
	Costa Rica . . . . .	Mr. Urbina
	Croatia . . . . .	Mr. Jurica
	France . . . . .	Mr. De Rivièrè
	Japan . . . . .	Mr. Takasu
	Mexico . . . . .	Mr. Heller
	Russian Federation . . . . .	Mr. Churkin
	Turkey . . . . .	Mr. İlkin
	Uganda . . . . .	Mr. Rugunda
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland . . . . .	Sir John Sawers
	United States of America . . . . .	Ms. DiCarlo
	Viet Nam . . . . .	Mr. Bui The Giang

## Agenda

The situation in Afghanistan

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (S/2009/135)

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*The meeting was called to order at 1.15 p.m.*

### **Adoption of the agenda**

*The agenda was adopted.*

### **The situation in Afghanistan**

#### **Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (S/2009/135)**

**The President** (*spoke in Arabic*): I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Afghanistan, in which he requests to be invited to participate in the consideration of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Tanin (Afghanistan) took a seat at the Council table.*

**The President** (*spoke in Arabic*): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them document S/2009/152, which contains the text of a draft resolution submitted by Japan.

Members of the Council also have before them document S/2009/135, containing the report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution before it. Unless I hear any objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

*A vote was taken by show of hands.*

*In favour:*

Austria, Burkina Faso, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, France, Japan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Russian Federation, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Viet Nam

**The President** (*spoke in Arabic*): There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1868 (2009).

**Mr. Urbina** (Costa Rica) (*spoke in Spanish*): My delegation supports the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and voted in favour of the resolution. Nevertheless, we wish to state our regret over the weakening of the language through the failure in the operative part explicitly to address our concern over the increase in civilian casualties, as the Security Council has done in previous resolutions. We know, of course, that insurgents are primarily responsible for civilian casualties in Afghanistan, but this Council has repeatedly called on all parties to respect the provisions of international humanitarian law and human rights, and to take every possible precaution to ensure the protection of the civilian population in that country. My delegation understands that this concern is alluded to in paragraph 14 of resolution 1868 (2009), just adopted.

**The President** (*spoke in Arabic*): The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

*The meeting rose at 1.20 p.m.*